

(SMT. GRACE TUCKER)

Management of the School and the teaching staff. There are 21 members on the teaching staff. As far as Government grant for the school is concerned, it has been paid up-to-date. The accumulated arrears of difference of pay due to the staff members on account of the revision of pay scales of 1961, which is the second demand brought to our notice, has also been settled with the Management up-to-date. The Chairman of the Educational Society running the Vidya Mandir High School was also directed by the Educational Inspector at Belgaum to pay the teachers, but this was not done. The Head Master of the School also had reported that it is very difficult to run the School without paying the teachers and it is reported that the teachers may strike if they are not paid. The Deputy Director of Public Instruction, Dharwar has in his letter dated 24th August 1963 instructed the Educational Inspector, Belgaum not to pay the advance grants for 1963-64. The grant has been held up till the arrears of salaries of the teachers are paid and also their salaries are paid up-to-date. Then the advance grants for 1963-64 will be released.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It looks as if Government has not got information up-to-date. After 24th August, much water has flown under the bridge. It would have been better if the information had been obtained up-to-date. The Hon'ble Member also should not keep quiet after giving notice. I was under the impression that the strike was on; Otherwise, it could afford to wait; It does not merit calling the attention of the Government.

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—Up to the moment the stalemate continues in the School and we understand that the teachers have not been paid their salaries as yet, but they still continue to work under a sort of stress.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is the recalcitrants of the Management that are in the way. Government disbursed the grants up-to-date; yet the Management has not paid the teachers.

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—This is being examined by Government and steps will be taken to end the present state of affairs in the School.

Members Representations.

Sri S. SIVAPPA (Sravanabelgola).—On a matter of procedure. Day before yesterday one full day was allotted for the discussion of the Report of the Public Service Commission. Unfortunately, the Reports for the years 1958-59, 1959-60, and 1960-61 was placed before this House by the Chief Minister and we do not know what happened, because we were just outside for a few minutes. Before we wanted to get in, that Report of the Public Service Commission for three years was adopted by this House in one minute. I am not questioning the form of democracy but the spirit of democracy. We want to see that full discussion is allowed on such an important Report.

Mr. SPEAKER.—He knows what has happened and if he says that any rule has been transgressed by anybody in this House...

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—I am not questioning the Chair. The Chair is perfectly right, technically.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I do not know what the Leader of the Opposition means by 'technically'. If there is nobody to participate, what is to be done? Why was it not brought to my notice before the House assembled to-day?

Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Maddur).—We do not have an explanation as to why we did not bring it to your notice before we came here; but the fact still remains...

Mr. SPEAKER.—Was it still not possible? Even now why don't the members tell me and whatever that is possible can be dealt with by making an oral representation.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Sira).—Under the rules, there is nothing to reopen. The Chair has to make up the mind.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If there is nothing under the rules, there is nothing like my making up my mind.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Nowhere it is contemplated that once a matter is closed, we cannot reopen it. After, all, the Chair has to make up its mind. The circumstances were just beyond the control of the members and beyond the control of the Speaker. This being an important matter, it is only an appeal to the Chair to allow discussion on this. We request the Chair, in consultation with the Leader of the House to afford an opportunity for the members of the this House to offer their remarks on the Public Service Commission Report. Beyond that, we cannot compel the Chair to do it. It is only your sweet will to prevail upon the Leader of the House and also yourself.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—I do not know whether the sweet will of the Speaker can go beyond the rules framed, but none-the-less we would like to register our protest against tht cavalier fashion, the way...

Mr. SPEAKER.—What is it that the Hon'ble Member is telling me and where is he taking the House? is it a speech?

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—We cannot be a party to the way the House has disposed of the Report of the Public Service Commission. It only goes to show that without the Opposition members, nothing will go on, everything will be passed within two minutes. We expected a good lead from the Leader of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It was said that for reasons beyond the control of the Speaker or somebody, certain matters took place. I would like to know what the rules are.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—When the Report was placed before the House for discussion, there should have been a discussion, but the party in power under the influence of the Chief Minister disposed it of in a minute; it was so managed that the Report was disposed of in a minute. Can you imagine that a Report for three years could be disposed of in one minute when the Opposition staged a walk out? Is it a democratic spirit? That is the Report placed before the House by the Chief Minister,

Mr. SPEAKER.—If the Member wants some discussion to take place and all that, let there be a proper approach. Instead of that, the Hon'ble Member simply gets up and wants to make a statement. He walked out yesterday. He knows the Rules. By a resolution let it come and I will deal with it. Can he not come and meet me? Cannot I invite the Chief Minister and deal with it? After all, the rule is interpreted by one person in one way and by another person in another way.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Sir, it is the feeling of the entire opposition that that report should be discussed. We have brought that to your notice. If you want, we will give it in writing.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—You please consider this matter, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Even an insinuation—I use the word deliberately—was made that the Chair and the Secretariat were a limb of the Government.

Sri. S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—Sir, I submit that it is very wrong and uncharitable to make an insinuation that under my nose it went on. I absolutely throw it back on the Opposition Members. It is very bad to say so.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The best thing is, sit down across the Table and discuss it.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—There is a way of doing it and certainly this is not the way and this way is absolutely uncharitable.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—It is the fact that I have stated.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Order, order. I am not going to enforce the rule, but when I call 'order', Members must know what the rule is.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—The Leader of the House must be charitable.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I am charitable but I cannot tolerate such a thing being said at all.

(Interruptions)

Mr. SPEAKER.—Rules provide that when somebody is on his legs, another Member must only appeal to him and he must yield. On the other hand, if the Rules are not followed, then, it becomes very embarrassing for me. I have been making my sincere effort to uphold the rights of Members but if, on the other hand, it is to be understood that the Secretariat is a limb of the Government, it makes me very sad.

Sri V. M. DEO (Gubbi).—Sir, as per rule, the door is definitely closed. But, Government wants constructive criticism on that; that is the main point and that has not taken place. Keeping this in view, I appeal to you to see some way out so that the debate is reopened.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I will consider it.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.

SECRETARY.—Sir, I beg to lay on the Table the Sixth List of Unstarred Questions and Answers.